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LOK SABHA

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COST LIMIT OF RURAL SANITATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objective behind launching Rural Sanitation Programme for construction of individual latrines, a Centrally sponsored programme;

(b) whether any prescribed rate limit has been fixed for construction of such latrines;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the States are facing difficulties in the construction of such latrines due to increase in cost of building materials;

(e) if so, whether certain States have urged the Union government to raise the prescribed per unit cost limit along with the share of Union government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.NARENDRA)

(a) The main objectives of launching the rural sanitation programme are:

i. To bring about an improvement in the general quality of life in the rural areas.

ii. To accelerate sanitation coverage in rural areas.

iii. To generate demand for sanitation facilities through awareness creation and health education.

iv. To cover schools/ Anganwadis in rural areas with sanitation facilities and promote hygiene education and sanitary habits among students.

v. To encourage cost effective and appropriate technologies in sanitation.

vi. To eliminate open defecation to minimize risk of contamination of drinking water sources and food.

vii. To convert dry latrines to pour flush latrines, and eliminate manual scavenging practice, wherever in existence in rural areas.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Unit cost and rates of subsidy for each type of toilet for constructions has been prescribed under the Total Sanitation Campaign Programme (TSC). These are given in the table below:

Basic Low Cost Unit Cost (BLCU) (Rs.)	Contribution		
	GOI	State	House hold
	BPL	BPL	BPL
Model 1-Upto Rs. 625/- (single pit)	60%	20%	20%
Model 2- Between Rs. 625/- and Rs. 1000/-	30%	30%	40%
Above Rs.1000/-	Nil	Nil	100%

(d) to (f): Many State Governments have urged the Union government to raise the unit cost and the subsidy for construction of household latrines. Some of the States are, Bihar, Karnataka, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal, etc. The Union Government proposes to increase the unit cost of two models from Rs. 625/- to Rs.1500/- and from Rs.1000/- to Rs.2000/- respectively.